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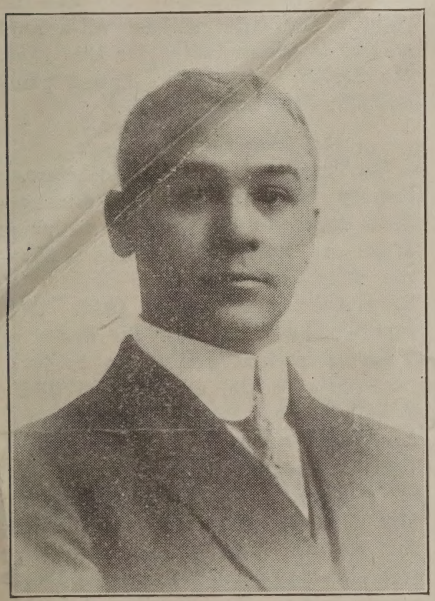

PRESIDENT CHARLES BRASEE BOVING.
Inaugurated June 5, 1912. Ninth President of Westminster College.

THE INAUGURATION.

Rev. Charles Brasee Boving, D. D., late pastor of the First church of Hannibal, who has served as president-elect of Westminster during the year just closed, assuming those duties on the retirement of Dr. David Ramsey Kerr last September 1, was on the afternoon and evening of June 5 formally inaugurated as the ninth president of Westminster College. The ceremonies attending the inauguration of the new president were not elaborate but very impressive. At 2:00 p. m. the academy procession formed at the Baptist church and proceeded to the Presbyterian church, where the afternoon exercises were held.

In the procession were the trustees, college representatives, the new president, faculty, alumni and students of Westminster. Rev. Samuel J. Niccolls, D. D., of the board of trustees, presided. Judge Selden P. Spencer,

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LL.D., assisted in the induction into office, after which greetings were brought by special representatives. Rev. John F. Cannon, D. D., of St. Louis, represented the Synod of Missouri, U. S., and Rev. John F. Hendy, D. D., of Jefferson City, the Synod of Missouri, U. S. A. Then followed the greetings of different universities and colleges. Judge John F. Green, of St. Louis, spoke for the alumni, Rev. A. A. Wallace, D. D., for the board of trustees, Dr. J. J. Rice for the faculty, H. L. Crockett for the students and Supt. S. T. Walker, of the School for the Deaf, representing the citizens of Fulton. Dr. John F. Cannon pronounced the invocation and Rev. Eugene F. Abbott the benediction. The exercises at 8:00 p. m. were held in Westminster Hall. After the inaugural address by President Boving, an impressive address on "Culture as an Object in Education" was delivered by President A. Ross Hill, of the Missouri State University. A reception to the new president and his family followed at Washington West mansion. This had been combined with the annual exercises of the Junior Prom. and the campus had been brilliantly electric lighted for the occasion. On account of a heavy rain the attendance was much depleted and the Ivy Exercises, in which the seniors plant an ivy at the base of the columns of the old Westminster Hall and the juniors respond to them, had to be abandoned.

Baccalaureate Sunday.

Rev. Harris H. Gregg, D. D., pastor of the Washington and Compton Presbyterian church of St. Louis, preached the baccalaureate sermon on the morning of June 2 before the graduating classes of Synodical and Westminster colleges. It was a superb address on the subject, "Jesus, the Life and Light of Men." At 8:00 p. m. Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas, of the Eastminster Presbyterian church, Kansas City, delivered the annual address before the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. of the two institutions. It was an earnest and impressive address from another of the many sides of this inexhaustible theme, "Jesus Christ, God's Unspeakable Gift to Man."

Field Day.

Monday morning the Annual Track Meet took place on Priest Field. Mr. Leonard V. Buschman, of California, won the Gazette trophy cup and the right to the title of best all-around athlete in Westminster for this year. Mr. Smith Black won second place and Mr. John Jackson third.

Literary Societies Day.

On Tuesday the Philologic Literary Society held its annual commencement exercises at 3:00 p. m. in honor of Messrs. Raleigh Lee Paris, of Monroe City, and Sylvester Boyer, of Rensselaer, graduates of 1912. That evening the contest for the Board of Trustees annual prize was to have take place in the chapel at William Woods College. A few days before, however, two of the contestants of the Philalethian Society were found to be ineligible. Discovering this too late to make successful substitution, this society withdrew and the prize was awarded by default to the Philologic Society. The 'Logics never-theless presented a very creditable program in the William Woods chapel, that the public might not be disappointed.

Commencement.

After the Synodical commencement on Wednesday a. m. and the exercises of the inauguration that afternoon and evening, the sixty-third annual commencement of Westminster took place at the Fulton opera house on Thursday, June 6, at 10:00 a. m. The four speakers, chosen by the faculty to represent the class, were R. L. Paris, Sylvester Boyer, T. W. Jackson and W. Bush Smith. Mr. Smith was valedictorian. The degree of A. B. was conferred upon Messrs. James C. Bond, Grant City, Sylvester Boyer, Huntington, Herbert G. McIlhenney, Clayton, Raleigh L. Paris, Monroe City, C. Douglas Smiley, St. Louis, W. Bush Smith, Fulton, Jacob R. Van Dyke, Marshall, and John T. Ready, of Sedalia. The degree of B. S. was conferred upon Mr. E. R. Crowson, Fulton, and that of B. L. upon Clarence J. Lafferty, Trenton, Charles N. Cofer, Jackson, Thomas W. Jackson, Calwood, and D. Wallace McKee, of Fulton.

Honorary Degrees.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Rev. David Ramsay Kerr, Ph. D., D. D., former president of Westminster and the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Daniel Shaw Gage, Ph. D., for twenty-two years past the teacher of Greek in Westminster, and upon Rev. Eugene F. Abbott, pastor of the church at Fulton since October last.

Award of Prizes.

The following prizes were thus awarded:

Payne & Henderson cross-country run cup, L. V. Buschman, California.

Gazette Athletic Trophy cup, L. V. Buschman, California.

Board of Trustees June Contest Prize, Philologic Society.

Hockaday Declamatory prize, Roswell P. Henderson, Molino.

Brookes Bible Prize, Glenn Morrow, Calhoun.

Dobyns Oratorical Prize, Glenn Morrow, Calhoun.

First Greek Prize, Glenn Morrow, Calhoun.

H. B. Lang Declamation Prize, S. Paogue Dalton, Nevada.

Lang Declamation Prize, second place, S. Boyer, Huntington.

C. M. Hay, Prohibition Prize, Poole Harrison, Mexico.

D. A. R. U. S. History Essay Prize, H. L. Harner, Ashland, Oregon.

J. R. Tucker Base Ball Class cup, Freshman Class.

Freshman Mathematics Prize, divided between H. Stalcup, Vernon, Texas, and A. White, of Mexico.

Passed all examinations with honor, S. P. Dalton, Blaine Hedges, W. Bush Smith and Glenn Morrow. Graduated with honor, W. Bush Smith.

New Prizes for 1912.

Prof. A. L. Hall-Quest announced the following additional prizes in the department of Philosophy for next year: E. F. Abbott prize for essay in Ethics, $10; A. L. Hall-Quest prize for essay in Philosophy, $15; essay in Psychology prize offered by a friend, $20. The subject for the Brookes Bible Essay for 1913 is "The Office of the Servant." In the department of Education the subject for the R. A. Wells prize of $10, not awarded this year, as the essays offered did not seem of sufficient merit, is "The Teaching of Morality in the Secondary Schools."

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Westminster at Lake Geneva.

Near the close of the year money was subscribed among the students to send two representatives of the Westminster Y. M. C. A. to the Summer Conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Leonard V. Buschman and Edgar T. Wilkes were chosen.

250 Students in 1912-13.

The normal attendance at Westminster is close to 200. Since the fire of '09 we have had a third less than this. In spite of these depleted numbers we have won so many championships this past year that the character of the student body at Westminster and the value of the Westminster Brand have had wide advertisement and we expect no less than 250 students next year. For the next six weeks six representatives of the college will diligently canvass as many portions of the state. They include President Boving, Coach E. M. Tipton, Dr. L. A. Higley, professor of chemistry, J. H. Atkinson, professor of English, G. Russell Johnston, professor of physics and D. Wallace McKee, '12, captain of the Blue Jays championship base ball team. Ministers and church members of either Synod, alumni and former students and friends of Westminster everywhere, lend the men a helping hand. If you do not happen to run across them, or they you, send your information in to the office at Fulton. The "prospects" already listed give promise of attaining our goal, but in view of the canvass for $250,000 for new buildings and additional endowment, to be undertaken next year, we want as large a showing in student attendance as we can get.

Faculty of 1912-13.

Westminster retains its same strong faculty for the next session, with the single exception of the retirement of Dr. John F. Cowan, who has long and very faithfully served in the chair of Modern Languages. However, we believe we have splendidly filled this vacancy by securing Prof. Michael Metlen, of Greer College, Hoopeston, Illinois. Professor Metlen is a native German, educated in that country and having taught there and in Holland, until the past three years, when his work has been in this country. He teaches German, French and Spanish. Dr. Cowan remains in the vicinity in the church in which he has preached for the last fifty years and will continue as Professor Emeritus in this department, giving occasional lectures. Mr. Thomas W. Jackson, who has taken all and more mathematics than is required at Westminster under that prince of teachers, Dr. John Harvey Scott, will be the teacher of Algebra, assistant teacher in English and tutor in first Latin in the Academy next year. He will also continue as gymnasium instructor, a position that he filled with signal success this last year. Coach Tipton, who taught some of these classes last year, will be free to give all of his time to the coaching this coming season.

Westminster never had a better outlook and with a long, strong pull, all together, she will soon distance all competitors and demonstrate that her watch cry is right, "BEST IN THE WEST, WESTMINSTER."